

ORIGINAL

DOW, LOHNES & ALBERTSON, PLLC
ATTORNEYS AT LAW

JENNIFER L. KEEFE
DIRECT DIAL 202-776-2721
jkeefe@dialaw.com

WASHINGTON, D.C.
1200 NEW HAMPSHIRE AVENUE, N.W. • SUITE 800 • WASHINGTON, D.C. 20036-6802
TELEPHONE 202-776-2000 • FACSIMILE 202-776-2222

ONE RAVINIA DRIVE • SUITE 1600
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30346-2108
TELEPHONE 770-901-8800
FACSIMILE 770-901-8874

EX PARTE OR LATE FILED

June 20, 1997

VIA HAND DELIVERY

Mr. William F. Caton
Acting Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, N.W., Room 222
Washington, D.C. 20554

DOCKET FILE COPY ORIGINAL

RECEIVED

JUN 20 1997

Technical Staff, Federal Communications Commission
600 Capitol Building

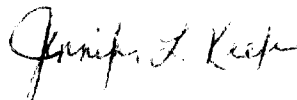
Re: **Ex Parte Presentation**
Assignment of Orbital Locations to Space Stations in the
Ka-Band, DA 97-967, CC Docket No. 92-297

Dear Mr. Caton:

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, Lockheed Martin Corporation hereby submits two copies of this transmittal letter and the attached written presentation to the Office of the Secretary for inclusion in the public record of the above-captioned proceeding.

Please contact me if any questions arise in connection with this matter.

Sincerely,



Jennifer L. Keefe
Counsel to Lockheed Martin Corporation

JLK/crd
Enclosure

No. of Copies rec'd
LA 1806

021

DOW, LOHNES & ALBERTSON, PLLC
ATTORNEYS AT LAW

RAYMOND G. BENDER, JR.

DIRECT DIAL 202-776-2758

rbender@dialaw.com

WASHINGTON, D.C.

1200 NEW HAMPSHIRE AVENUE, N.W. • SUITE 800 • WASHINGTON, D.C. 20036-6802

TELEPHONE 202-776-2000 • FACSIMILE 202-776-2222

ONE RAVINIA DRIVE • SUITE 1600

ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30346-2108

TELEPHONE 770-901-8800

FACSIMILE 770-901-8874

June 20, 1997

VIA HAND DELIVERY

Peter F. Cowhey, Chief
International Bureau
Federal Communications Commission
2000 M Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

DOCKET FILE COPY ORIGINAL

Re: Assignment of Orbit Locations to Space Stations in the Ka-band

Dear Mr. Cowhey:

On May 9, 1997, the International Bureau assigned orbit locations to applicants proposing to implement geostationary satellite orbit ("GSO") systems in the Ka-band.^{1/} Consistent with past practice, the *Order* provided that the Bureau would entertain requests for changes in the Ka-band orbital assignments submitted within 30 days if the satellite applicants affected by the change agree.

On May 29, 1997, in accordance with the *Order*, Lockheed Martin formally requested that it be assigned the 2° E.L. orbit location in lieu of the 38° E.L. orbit location originally assigned to Lockheed Martin. The 2° E.L. orbit location, as well as the 103° W.L., 93° W.L., 55° W.L., 42° E.L. and 116.5° E.L. orbit locations, were made available when AT&T Corp. withdrew all of its Ka-band applications. Now that the 2° E.L. orbit location has been abandoned by AT&T, Lockheed Martin believes that this location will better meet Lockheed Martin's business objectives for implementing the Astrolink^{TM/SM} system.

Lockheed Martin is the only Ka-band licensee to request assignment of a Region B (international) orbit location in accordance with the procedures set forth in the *Order*.^{2/} Because

^{1/} *Assignment of Orbital Locations to Space Stations in the Ka-Band*, DA 97-967 (rel. May 9, 1997) ("*Order*").

^{2/} Although Loral has intimated that it "might have a contingent interest" in the 2° E.L. orbit location, this suggestion was made after the 30-day period to request orbital assignment changes had expired. See Letter to Peter F. Cowhey from Andrew R. D'Uva (June 10, 1997).

Peter F. Cowhey, Chief
June 20, 1997
Page 2

DOCKET FILE COPY ORIGINAL

no other applicant requested any Region B orbit location in response to the *Order*, no other Ka-band licensee can be considered "affected" by Lockheed Martin's request. Therefore, the assignment of the 2° E.L. orbit location to Lockheed Martin should be made forthwith.

The parties seeking assignment of Region A (domestic) orbit locations made available by AT&T are apparently attempting to resolve their differences, but these issues do not affect -- nor should they be permitted to delay -- assignment of the 2° E.L. orbit location to Lockheed Martin. Accordingly, Lockheed Martin renews its request that the Bureau assign to Lockheed Martin the 2° E.L. orbit location in lieu of the 38° E.L. orbit location.

Respectfully submitted,

LOCKHEED MARTIN CORPORATION

By Raymond G. Bender, Jr. /JUL
Raymond G. Bender, Jr.
Its Attorney

cc: Thomas S. Tycz
Fern J. Jarmulnek, Esquire
Steve Sharkey
Jennifer Gilsenan, Esquire
Andrew R. D'Uva, Esquire
Daniel S. Goldberg, Esquire
Michael Gardner, Esquire
Karis A. Hastings, Esquire
John P. Janka, Esquire
Christopher D. Imlay, Esquire
Pantelis Michalopoulos, Esquire
David Moskowitz, Esquire
David G. O'Neil, Esquire
Julian L. Shepard, Esquire
Albert Shuldiner, Esquire
Eugene T. Smith, Esquire
Francis L. Young, Esquire